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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LE, SY

SUBJECT: SARKIS SPECIAL ENVOY TO WASHINGTON

REF: BEIRUT 7935

1. AUB DEAN OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ELIE SALEM TOLD EMBOFF  
NOV 3 THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR OF LEBANESE  
DEVELOPMENT BANK SALIM EL-HUSS THIS WEEK HE LEARNED THE  
FOLLOWING:

A. HUSS HAS BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT SARKIS TO VISIT  
UNITED STATES AND WILL PROBABLY DO SO NEXT WEEK. SALEM  
UNDER IMPRESSION HUSS GOING AS SARKIS "SPECIAL  
REPRESENTATIVE" IN RESPONSE TO USG INVITATION.

B. WHILE IN US, HUSS PLANS VISIT WORLD BANK TO  
DISCUSS LOAN FOR LEBANOON RECONSTRUCTION. HUSS BELIEVES IT  
WILL TAKE FOUR BILLION DOLLARS TO GET LEBANON BACK ON ITS  
FEET, BUT THAT ONLY HALF BILLION OF THIS CAN BE EXPECTED IN  
DIRECT GIFTS FROM ALL SOURCES, LEAVING REMAINDER TO BE  
BORROWED.

2. COMMENT: HUSS HAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THIS EMBASSY  
SINCE HIS VISIT DESCRIBED REFTEL. SALEM IS OLD FRIEND  
OF HUSS AND AMONG THOSE WHO HOPE HUSS WILL BECOME NEXT  
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LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER, A POSSIBILITY THAT HAS BEEN

MENTIONED IN BEIRUT PRESS. SALEM HIMSELF PLANNING LEAVE  
FOR NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON NOV 7 TO ATTEND AUB BOARD  
MEETING AND DISCUSS AUB FINANCIAL STRAITS WITH "FRIENDS  
OF AUB" IN USG.  
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